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SUBJECT: CREATION OF COMMISSION ON BANANA COMPANIES

1. SITRATERCO (UNITED BRANDS UNION) SEC GEN OBDULIO CACERES TOLD LABOFF MAY 15 THAT DURING MEETING BETWEEN MELGAR AND LABOR LEADERS MAY 13, THE CHIEF OF STATE EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO FORM A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FRUIT COMPANIES IN HONDURAS. CACERES ADDED THAT, FOR THE MOMENT, MELGAR'S DECISION IS BEING CLOSELY HELD.

2. CACERES SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WILL BE FORMED BY APPROXIMATELY 25 PEOPLE INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FRUIT COMPANY UNIONS. THE COMMISSION WILL EXAMINE ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMPANIES' PRESENCE IN HONDURAS AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMPANIES AND THE GOH. THE INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE GOH TO FORM A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMPANIES TO BETTER PROTECT THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERESTS.

3. FOR THE MOMENT, AT LEAST, THE THREE MAN COMMISSION STUDYING THE TRANSFER OF THE COMPANY-OWNED RAILROADS AND DOCKS TO THE GOVERNMENT IS SUSPENDED AND WILL PROBABLY
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BE INCORPORATED INTO THE LARGER COMMISSION.

4. ACCORDING TO CACERES, MELGAR ASSURED THE UNION
LEADERS THAT THE GOH WAS NOT CONSIDERING THE NATIONALIZA-
TION OF THE UNITED BRANDS HONDURAN OPERATIONS.
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